

2009 Workshops on Using Compost for Landscape and Environmental Enhancement

- **Ensuring Compost Quality**
- **Implementing Best Management Practices**
- **Developing Model Ordinances and Purchasing Policies for Compost Use**
- **Using the Caltrans Compost Specifications**

Presented by the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) in partnership with the University of California, the Association of Compost Producers, the City of San Jose, R. Alexander Associates Inc., Caltrans, and other local governments.

WORKSHOP SUMMARY

The purpose of these workshops is to promote the benefits of compost and provide practical tools and information on how to use compost effectively for landscape and environmental enhancement. Experts will comment on the status of ongoing research projects demonstrating the effectiveness of compost for erosion control. These demonstrations will take place in San Jose, lead by Dr. Vic Claassen of UC Davis and Yorba Linda, lead by Dr. David Crohn of UC Riverside.

Workshop topics will include:

- The benefits of compost.
- The science behind composting.
- Ensuring compost quality
- Implementing best management practices
- Developing model ordinances and purchasing policies for compost use
- Using the Caltrans compost specifications

Workshop instructors will include university professionals, researchers, soil scientists, compost industry professionals and others with extensive compost experience. Some workshops will include local speakers and/or a compost-related tour. This is your chance to hear and ask questions from a diverse team of experts.

BENEFITS OF COMPOST

Attend a workshop to learn more about how your jurisdiction or agency can benefit from using compost!

Following are just a few advantages of using compost:

- Decreases runoff and erosion
- Improves vegetation establishment, plant health and vigor
- Conserves water by reducing irrigation requirements
- Reduces the need for fertilizers, herbicides and pesticides.
- Supplies organic matter, beneficial microbes and can suppress soil-borne diseases
- Binds and degrades specific pollutants
- Can be used to filter water
- Decreases waste going to the landfill and closes the recycling loop
- Creates green jobs

2009 Workshop Schedule, Location and Registration Information:

April 7, Rancho Cucamonga, to register contact Linda Coco at sciences@ucx.ucr.edu, 951-827-5804 (phone) or 951-827-7374 (fax)

April 27, San Diego, BioCycle Pre-Conference Workshop, 9-noon, register at www.biocycle50.com

April 30, University of California, Riverside, to register contact Linda Coco at sciences@ucx.ucr.edu, 951-827-5804 (phone) or 951-827-7374 (fax)

May 5, San Luis Obispo, to register contact Linda Coco at sciences@ucx.ucr.edu, 951-827-5804 (phone) or 951-827-7374 (fax)

May 21, San Juan Capistrano, to register contact Linda Coco at sciences@ucx.ucr.edu, 951-827-5804 (phone) or 951-827-7374 (fax)

June 18, Burbank, to register contact Linda Coco at sciences@ucx.ucr.edu, 951-827-5804 (phone) or 951-827-7374 (fax)

There is no cost to attend and lunch is included (Breakfast at BioCycle)!

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